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DEVICE AND METHODS OF USE FOR  
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## AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2003.

Please amend the Application as indicated below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2 from the Application without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of treating a bone abnormality in a body comprising the following steps:

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exposing an area of bone having an abnormality, the abnormality being selected from at least one member of the group consisting of: bone tumors, cysts, avascular necrosis of the femoral head, tibial plateau fractures, compression fractures of the spine and any combination thereof;